

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPORT OF FILMS
NIVEDITA MANE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of films, documentaries, TV serials and Animation Films imported during each of the last three years; and
- (b) the reasons for their import alongwith the foreign exchange spent on each of them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) In terms of Ministry of Commerce's Public Notice No.4(PN)/97-02 dated 31.3.97 notifying the import of feature films, the import of feature films and video films may be made without a license provided the importer obtains an 'NOC' from the Administrative officer, Central Board of Film Certification, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions as specified in the Public Notice. Therefore, the Government does not have information relating to the number of films imported during the last three years. However, the number of films for which No Objection Certificate have been issued for import of feature films are given below:

1997	329
1998	234
1999	385

As regards imports of documentaries/TV Serial;/Animation films, 'NOC' is not required from CBFC under the import policy. However, the number of documentary films, TV Serials and Animation Films for which censor certificates have been issued by the CBFC are given below:

Classification

1997	
1998	
1999	
Documentary	
27	
37	
2	
TV Serials	

Animation Films

This Ministry does not maintain information regarding the foreign exchange spent on each of the films imported, as the importers are mainly private individuals/companies.